

**Meeting Date:** May 17, 2007

**Agenda Item No. 16**

**Agenda Item:** Wolf Update

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_

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**Background:**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a delisting rule for wolves on February 7. The comment period on the delisting rule was extended to May 9. Staff working with the Governor's office drafted a response to the proposal. The Department has been planning what wolf management as a big game animal will look like and the planning team held its first public Wolf Working Group meeting April 23.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:**

This presentation will be primarily to present information and get direction on timelines and process that will be presented. Comments on the delisting rule may be discussed.

**Public Involvement Process:**

Public information and involvement in our planning process will be discussed.

**Justification:**

Our level of management planning and involvement has increased over the last year, and will continue to do so through delisting. The transition to state management has been ongoing since 2002 and we are now preparing to take over management as a big game animal.

**Action Requested:**

None. Information update presentation.

**Staff Recommendations:**

None.